REMARKS

Applicants hereby request entry into the national stage and examination of the above-identified application.

The amendment to the specification recites the claim of priority benefit to a foreign national application, and therefore should be entered.

The amendments to claims 6-8, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 27, and 28 involve removal of multiple dependencies and corrections of minor informalities. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicants request examination of all of the above-identified claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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